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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Comments on "CIA Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 1955"

1. We have reviewed and studied subject paper and have some preliminary comments with respect thereto:

a. Nit-pick comments appear in red, blue, and black pencil by various commentators and are merely offered for clarity and language polish and refinement.

b. From a substantive point of view, we note one gap in the paper under section 3, "Strategic Objectives and Concepts" on page 3 — a failure to bring in one of the requirements of 10/5, which is as follows: "Strengthen the orientation toward the United States of the nations and peoples of the free world and increase their capacity and will to resist Soviet domination." The other two aspects of 10/5 are adequately treated in Mission A, and under Missions B and C.

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c. I believe the five principal points of the [REDACTED] paper should be reflected and summarized where I have indicated an asterisk under "Strategic Objectives and Concepts" on page 3. I shall get these and furnish them to you.

d. Reference section 2, "General Situation," page 1, under paragraph b.(1), subparagraphs (c) and (d), are assumptions on which work is now progressing under PSB auspices, and it is being handled as a separate problem; yet, from it will come direct tasks for us to undertake. We have to pay tribute to this particular requirement in some different form of language than expressed here. As stated presently in the paper it is not good. I will try to work up some new language on this.

e. Does not Operational Task Objective 12, page 3 of Non-Iron Curtain Target Location, conflict with c.(2)(b) on page 5 of section 3 (Mission)?

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f. With respect to Annex A, one of our principal missions is to maintain continuous estimates of the situation, analysis of P & P capabilities, and establishment of P & P priorities. What we actually want in Annex A is something that "paints the picture." A pro forma military estimate of the situation format wouldn't fill the bill, and a strictly accepted intelligence annex would fill it partially. What we are reaching for here is to be actually an intelligence summary of some degree or category. We will give some concentrated thought on this form to keep it manageable and practical. I would want to avoid getting too far into NIE's, except, perhaps, a cross-reference to pertinent NIE's. Right at this point, we don't think that sub-paragraph c should be included.

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g. We have added a little to the Non-Iron Curtain country targets and I am enclosing an earlier draft herewith. Also enclosed is [REDACTED] flow chart, which boiled our whole mission concept into three solid missions which are the /5 missions, as you will recognize. This was prepared as an annex to a manual we were working on at one time.

2. The paper as a whole represents some good constructive thinking and is moving in the right direction, in my opinion. These comments are furnished preliminarily at this time so we can concentrate on the points I have mentioned in paragraphs c, d, and f, above.

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